



A PROCLAMATION

BY

His Highness and the Parliament.

Vhereas the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of the Parliament of England, Scotland and Ireland, taking into their consideration, the duty incumbent upon them, to provide for the future Peace and Settlement of the Government of these Nations, according to the Laws and Customes of the same, by their humble Petition and advice, have presented their desires unto His Highness Oliver Lord Protector, that he would by and under the Name and Style of Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging, Hold, and Exercise the Office of Chief Magistrate of these Nations; whereunto the Lord Protector, upon due and mature Consideration of the said Petition and Advice, hath consented: And His Highnes the Lord Protector and the Parliament, judging it necessary, that Publication be made of the premises; have thought meet, and do hereby strictly Charge and Command all and every person and persons, of what Quality and Condition soever, in any of the said three Nations, to take notice of the premises, and to conform and submit themselves unto the Government so established. And the Lord Mayor of the City of London, and all Sheriffs, Mayors, Bailiffs, and other Publick Ministers and Officers, whom this may concern, are required to cause this Proclamation, together with the said Petition and Advice, to be forthwith Published in the City of London, and the respective Counties, Cities, Corporations and Market-Towns, to the end that none may have cause to pretend ignorance in this behalf.

Given at Westminster the 26. day of June, 1657.